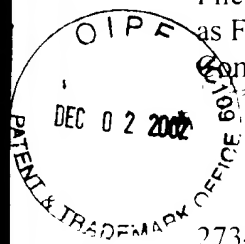


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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of May 20, 2002 ( a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time is enclosed) , in which the Examiner:

- a) objected to the drawings;
- b) objected to the specification;
- c) objected to the claims;
- d) rejected the claims under Section 112;
- e) rejected claim 5 as anticipated by Dengen U.S. Patent No. 2,548,875; and
- f) rejected claims 1-4 and 6-12 as obvious over Dengen in view of other references.

Based on the following amendments and remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action toward that end is respectfully requested.